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CHARTER SCHOOL  
RESOURCE CENTER  
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**For SEA Staff:  
Overview of CSP's Recently Released Dear Colleague  
Letter and of National Charter Schools Resources**



September 8, 2016

# About the National Charter School Resource Center

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What would you like to know about Charter Schools? Select Your Topic [v] BEGIN YOUR SEARCH

**Report:**  
Charter School Discipline: Examples of Policies and School Climate Efforts from the Field  
Click here to access this report

**What Are Charter Schools?**  
Charter schools are in 42 states, nearly 25 years old, and over 7% of k-12 students in the US are enrolled in one. Here is an explanation of this important trend

**State Resources for Charters**  
Need help finding information about charter schools in your state? Click above for a map that will guide you to resources and contact information for each state

**Most Popular Charter Resources**  
Click above for a list of our top resources. These resources include everything from reports on special education to documentaries on successful charters

- Funded through the **U.S. Department of Education**
- Makes accessible **high-quality resources** to support the charter school sector

# Agenda (1)

## ➤ **Welcome and Introductions**

- ED, the CSP, and the NCSRC
- Overview of Materials
- Recent Examples
- SEA Technical Assistance
- Q&A

# Presenters



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Resource Center



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Office of Innovation and Improvement  
U.S. Department of Education

# Webinar Logistics

- Use the chat feature for technical questions and assistance.
- Use the Q&A box to ask questions on the rural webinar.
- Questions will be answered during audience Q&A.
- The webinar recording will be available on the NCSRC website by 9/15.
- We will ask you to fill out a survey after the webinar concludes.

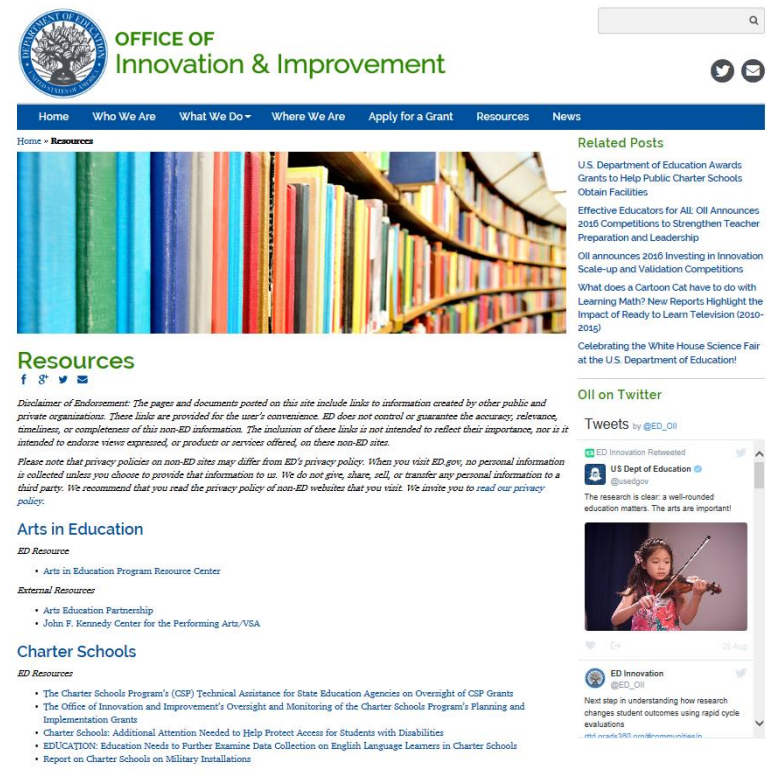
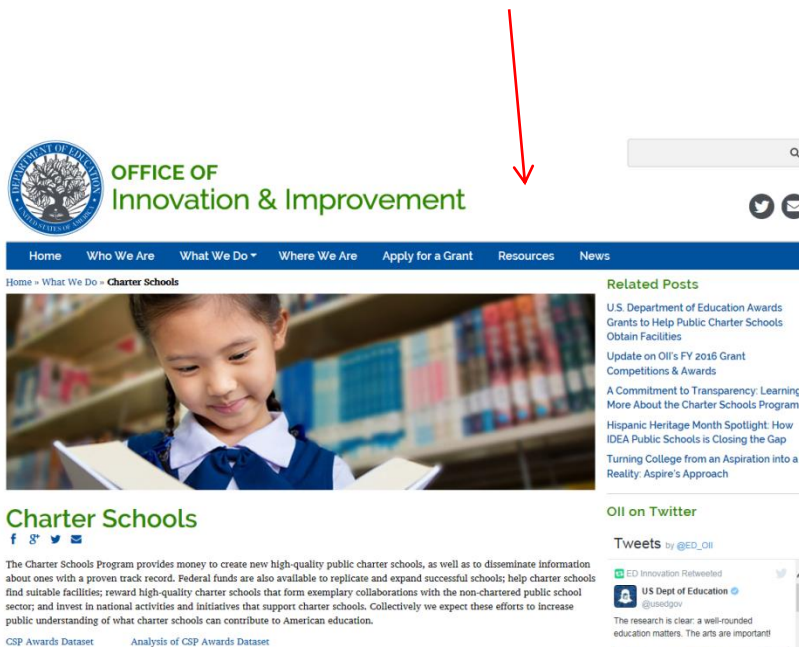
# U.S. Department of Education

## ➤ Charter Schools Program

➤ <http://innovation.ed.gov/what-we-do/charter-schools/>

## ➤ Resources Tab

➤ <http://innovation.ed.gov/resources/>



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# The NCSRC Echoes ED's Mission

## ➤ ED Mission

- Promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

## ➤ OII MISSION (CSP)

- Support the creation, expansion, and improvement of high-quality charter schools across the nation.

## ➤ NCSRC MISSION

- Provide TA to CSP grantees and the charter sector to support CSP's mission and increase the national understanding of the charter school model.



# Safal Partners

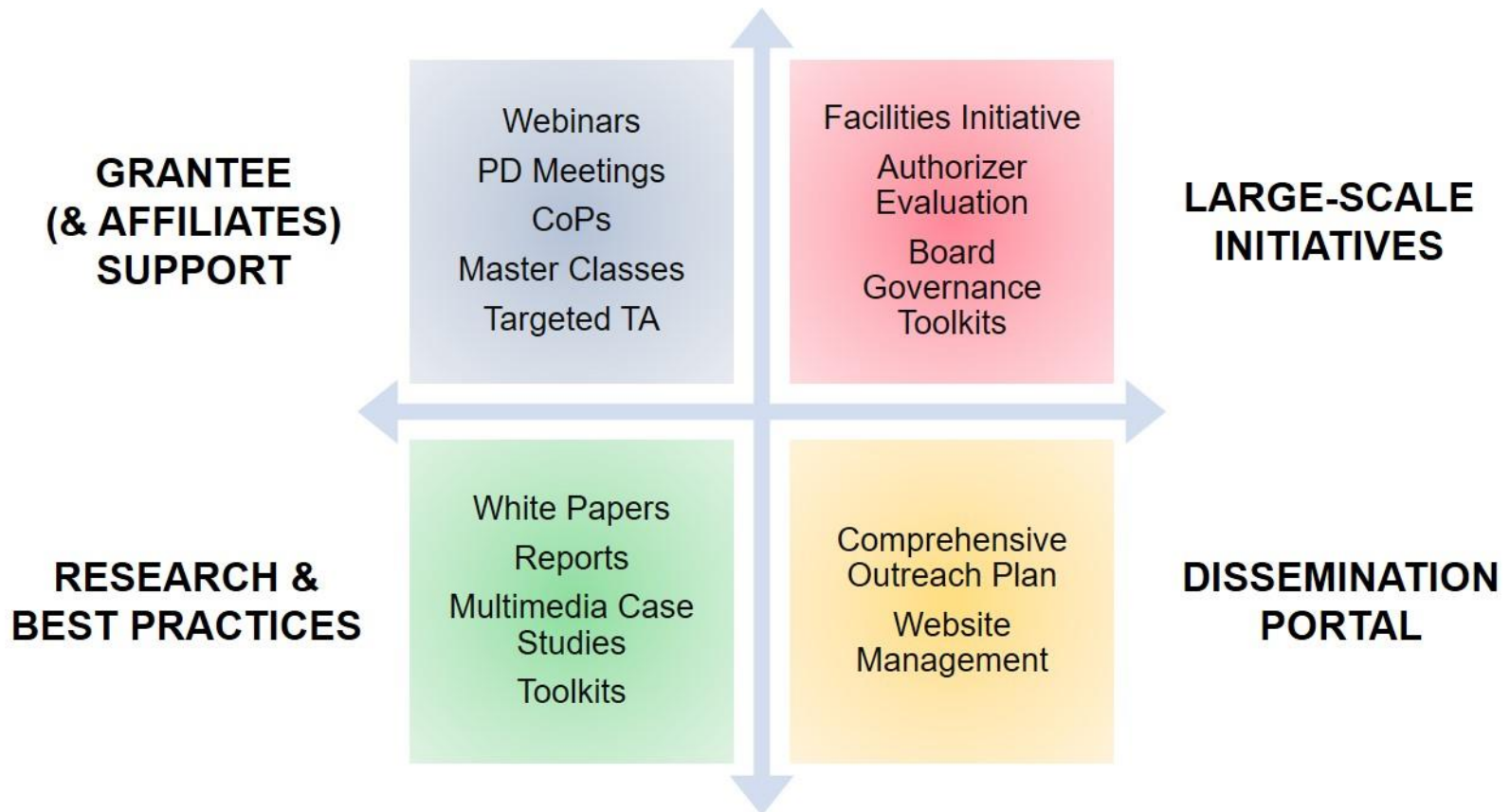
- The NCSRC is a project of Safal Partners
- Safal is a mission-driven education consulting firm that provides strategy and project management expertise to bridge the gap between ideas and outcomes. We bring deep domain knowledge in the charter sector, human capital management systems, and next generation learning.
- A woman- and minority-owned business
- “Safal” is Sanskrit for “Good Outcomes”



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# Deliverables Along Four Areas



# NCSRC – Website Features

- Focus Areas
  - Audiences
  - Publications
  - Videos
  - Funding
  - Online Communities
  - Events
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## ➤ Focus Areas

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➤ Discipline

➤ Board Governance

➤ English learners

➤ Facilities

➤ Increasing Achievement

➤ Opening and Expanding

➤ Operations and Compliance

➤ Policy

➤ Special Education


➤ Leadership

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## NCSRC – Website Features (2)

- Focus Areas
  - Audiences
    - CMO
    - Educators
    - Families
    - Policymakers
    - Military
    - SEAs
    - Authorizers
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    - Newsletters
    - Reports
    - Toolkits
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# NCSRC Resources (1)

## Newsletters

- [Discipline Resources](#)
- [Rural Charter Schools Report](#)
- [Aldine ISD and YES Prep District-Charter Collaboration Case Study](#)
- [District-Charter Collaboration: A User's Guide](#)
- [Student Achievement in Charter Schools: What the Research Shows](#)
- [Serving English Language Learners and Families](#)
- [Charter Schools Serving Military Families](#)
- [English Learners in Charter Schools: Key Opportunities for Engagement and Integration](#)
- [Finding Space: Analyzing Charter School Facilities](#)
  
- <https://www.charterschoolcenter.org/category/publication-type/newsletters>

# NCSRC Resources (2)

## Reports and Toolkits

- [Charter School Discipline: Examples of Policies and School Climate Efforts from the Field](#)
- [Charter School Discipline Toolkit: A Toolkit for Charter School Leaders](#)
- [Authorizer Evaluation Summary: An Analysis of Evaluations of Authorizer Quality](#)
- [District-Charter Collaboration: A User's Guide](#)
- [Student Achievement in Charter Schools: What the Research Shows](#)
- [An Analysis of the Charter School Facility Landscape](#)
- [Finding Space: Charters in District Facilities](#)
- [Charter Schools and Military Communities: A Toolkit](#)
- [Legal Guidelines for Educating English Learners in Charter Schools](#)
- [Engaging English Learner Families in Charter Schools](#)
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  - <https://www.charterschoolcenter.org/category/publication-type/toolkits>

## NCSRC – Website Features (4)

- Focus Areas
  - Audiences
  - Publications
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# NCSRC Resources (3)

## Case Studies

- [Student Discipline and School Climate in Charter Schools](#)
- [AppleTree \(Early Learning\)](#)
- [DC Public Charter School Board \(Authorizer\)](#)
- [Camino Nuevo's Kayne Siart Campus](#)
- [Indianapolis Mayor's Office \(Authorizer\)](#)
- [Cornerstone Prep \(Turnaround\)](#)
- [Yes Prep/Houston \(District-Charter Collaboration\)](#)
- [Two Rivers Public Charter School \(SWD\)](#)
- [Folk Arts Cultural Treasures Charter School \(EL\)](#)
- [Alma del Mar \(EL\)](#)
- [El Sol \(EL\)](#)
- [Brooke Roslindale Charter \(SWD\)](#)
- <https://www.charterschoolcenter.org/videos/case-studies>

# NCSRC Resources (4)

## Webinars

- > [General Webinar: Rural Charter Schools - Building Bridges](#)
- > [General Webinar: Using Data to Create Positive School Climates and Discipline Practices in Charter Schools - National Research and Examples from the Field](#)
- > [General Webinar: Charter Schools and Food Services: Options, Planning, and Decision-Making](#)
- > [General Webinar: Supporting Students with Disabilities](#)
- > [General Webinar: Serving English Language Learners and Families](#)
- > [SEA Webinar: Use of Funds](#)
- > [SEA Webinar: Annual Independent Audits](#)
- > [SEA Webinar: Early Childhood Learning in Charter Schools](#)
- > [SEA Webinar: Data Management Tools for Risk Based Monitoring](#)
- > [SEA Webinar: Weighted Lotteries](#)
- > [SEA Webinar: Charter School Closure](#)
- > [SEA Webinar: Measuring Authorizer Quality](#)
- > [SEA Webinar: Financial Management and Fiscal Controls](#)
- > [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Evaluating Charter School Performance](#)
- > [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Evaluating Charter School Performance During the Transition to Common Core](#)
- > [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Recent Developments in CSP Guidance](#)
- > [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Authorizer Collaboration](#)
- > [Credit Enhancement Webinar: Collaboration to Enhance Facility Financing](#)
  
- > <https://www.charterschoolcenter.org/videos/webinars>

## NCSRC – Website Features (5)


- Focus Areas
  - Audiences
  - Publications
  - Videos
  - Funding 
  - Online Communities
  - Events
- Funding Resources
  - Funding Search Function
  - Facilities
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## NCSRC – Website Features (6)

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  - CSO
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## NCSRC – Website Features (7)

- Focus Areas
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  - <https://www.charterschoolcenter.org/events>
- ED-Funded Project Directors
  - ED-hosted special meetings
  - Calendar of State and Local

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# Discipline Resources



## Charter School Discipline: Examples of Policies and School Climate...

The report profiles four charter schools with innovative approaches...

Reports | 28 Jun, 2016

## Case Study: Student Discipline and School Climate in Charter Schools

## Charter School Discipline Toolkit: A Toolkit for Charter School Leaders

## DC Public Charter School Board

## CCSA California School Spotlight: Alternatives to Suspension / Expulsion ADVOCATES

# Discipline Case Study

- NOTE: We are working to embed the Discipline Case Study into video onto this slide

# Special Education Resources



## The Facts on Charter Schools and Students with Disabilities

Overview from NICHCY: "Charter schools are fairly new in public...

Reports | 29 Aug, 2014


Authorizer SPED Rubric for  
Non-Local Education  
Agencies (Non-LEAs)

Brooke Roslindale Charter

*The Nuts and Bolts of  
Special Education:  
What Do Charter School  
Educators Need to Know?*  
Nuts and Bolts of Special  
Education: What Do Charter  
School Educators Need to  
Know?  
Building the Capacity of Charter Schools:  
Serving Students With Disabilities

Case Study: Two Rivers

# Operations & Compliance Resources



Tips & Tools

## Recruiting STEM Teachers for Charter Schools

This National Charter School Resource Center toolkit provides a range...

Toolkits | 15 Feb, 2011




## Charter School Laws Across the States 2015: Rankings and Scorecards



## Charter School Teacher Recruitment and Selection Toolkit

DECEMBER 9, 2015



## Productivity Returns to Experience in the Teacher Labor Market:

LONG-TERM GAINS



## Breakthroughs in Time, Talent, and Technology: Next Generation Learning Models in Public Charter Schools

## All Operations & Compliance Resources

TAGS |  School Safety  Performance Management  Nutrition  Sports & Art  Recruitment & Retention



## Webinar: Charter Schools and Food Services - Options, Planning, and Decision-Making

EVENT | 20 JUL, 2016

Please join an upcoming National Charter School Resource Center webinar on charter schools and food service options. The webinar will help charter schools understand the options and... [READ MORE](#)

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# Technical Assistance to Grantees

- Current SEA TA:
  - Primarily states with new CSP SEA grants
    - Talk to Your Program Officer
  - Support to all SEAs
    - CoP
    - Webinars for SEAs
    - PD Meetings

# Performance Measure Development Tool

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	Outcomes	Tasks from Grant (from pages 59-62)	Entity Responsible (if not ISBE)	Expected Impact	QSO Federal Evaluator	Performance Measure Statement	How it is measured (measurement methodology)	Baseline Performance (what is score)	Target (What will the score be?)	Date by which reach target (when you will reach that target)
1	<b>Outcome #1 - Awareness</b>									
2	1. Statewide increased awareness and deeper knowledge of high quality charter schools as a means to provide statewide			Illinois students, families and communities will better understand the role of charter schools in promoting local control, educational innovation and healthy communities while local boards of education (authorizers) better understand the concept, purpose and	QSO	Through QSO Grant activities (i.e., workshops, webinars, meetings and forums), increased number of participants reporting a greater familiarity with and knowledge of charter school law, the unique attributes of the charter school model, and the role charter schools can play within the State's public education system.	survey response, what is ques	NA (not started yet)	75% of survey respondents rep	School Year 2020-2021
3	I+A2.G2ocal educational options for communities.				QSO	Illinois LEAs attending QSO Grant activities (i.e., workshops, webinars, meetings and forums) will increase by 25% by the end of the grant.	Number of districts represented at meeting	4 attended in 2014	25% (5 will attend)	By end of CSP Grant (2018?); may be low bar depending on baseline
4					Evaluator	Visits to State Board charter web page will increase by 25% by the year 2020.	good, numerical, captured	what is baseline?		
5					Evaluator	Approved charter school applications by local authorizers will increase?? by 5% each year through the year 2020.	total number, or percent of applicants? I don't believe there is 20 approved, so 5% would round to zero?			
6					Evaluator	Approved charter school applications by the Commission will increase by 10% by the year 2020.				
7					Evaluator	Geographical distribution of charter schools will be seen in the award of the RFP each year.				
8					Evaluator	Survey results of charter school awareness and concept/structure on LEA survey will be done at the beginning of the grant and at the end. This will increase by 50%.				
9	<b>Outcome #2 - Opportunity</b>									
10	2. Illinois communities creating high quality educational opportunities for their children through charter schools will increase by 25%.			Illinois students, families and communities will have high quality educational options across the state, but especially in communities with disadvantaged children or chronic low	QSO	Increased number of charter school applications proposing best practices and demonstrating strong community involvement in charter school delivery by 75%.				
11					Evaluator	Federal Measure: The number of charter schools in operation.				
12					Evaluator	Also measured by evaluator:				
13					Evaluator	QSO subgrants awarded through the two phases showing full implementation of high quality charter schools will be 75% of the Charters, by the year				
14					Evaluator	Charter school renewal applications showing sustainability of best practice over more than 3 years				
15					Evaluator	Charter authorizers attending training on authorizers' role and high quality charter schools will improve by 50% by 2017				
16					Evaluator	Use of the State Board Dashboard on Standards and Principles of Charter School Authorizing will be in operation by 2017.				
17					Evaluator	Results of charter schools in Illinois' new Statewide				

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# Tracking Grant Administration

NCSRC OY1 Task 3qc_SEA Grant Monitoring Tool	
<i>Instructions: SEA to fill out light blue areas in Sections 1 through 3 annually. Color code status and comments in green for action taken or yellow with comments on progress.</i>	
<b>1. State Snapshot</b>	
<b>State Snapshot</b>	
State name	Oregon State Education Department
Number of charter schools in state	127
Number of students served by charter schools in state	29,791
New schools last year (all charters, not just CSP funded)	5
Number of charters closed (last year)	4
Proposed subgrantees (for entire performance period)	42
Recent awardees (last year)	n/a
SEA authorizing role	LEAs are the primary authorizer in the state. The ODE authorizes 4 charter schools in Oregon, while 75 school districts oversee the remainder. The charter schools must apply to the district which the school will be located in. If the local district denies a charter school application, the applicant can appeal to the decision of the local board to the SEA. After all opportunities to appeal have been exhausted, ODE may consider becoming the authorizer of the charter school, if the applicant agrees.
Number of active authorizers in state	76 (LEA 75; SEA 1)
<b>Grant Snapshot</b>	
Project Name	Oregon Charter Schools Program Project, 2015-2018
Primary contact	Jennifer Donovan 503-947-5915 jennifer.donovan@state.or.us
Secondary contact	Kate Pattison

Oregon 2015
Internal Project Plan
External Reporting Measures
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# Questions & Answers

➤ Please submit any questions in the Q&A box

## Links to Additional Resources

- U.S. Department of Education's Charter School Program:  
<http://innovation.ed.gov/what-we-do/charter-schools/>
- The National Charter School Research Center  
[www.charterschoolcenter.org](http://www.charterschoolcenter.org)

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